

pleased to state the details of the Centrally Sponsored Scheme to provide Tubewells/ Million Wells in respect of Kalahandi District of Orissa alongwith the reasons for non-implementation of this programme in the Adivasi/Harijan Bastis of the district?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI G. VENKAT SWAMY): Million Wells Scheme (MWS), a Sub-scheme of Jawahar Rozgar Yojana (JRY), has been launched with the objective of providing open irrigation wells free of cost to poor, small and marginal farmers belonging to Scheduled Castes/ Scheduled Tribes (SCs/STs) and freed-

bonded labourers. The allocation under MWS is intended for open-wells only and tube-wells and bore-wells are not to be taken up under this scheme. However, where wells are not feasible due to geological factors, the funds under MWS can be utilised for other schemes of minor irrigations like irrigation tanks, water harvesting structures and also for the development of lands of SCs/STs and freed-bonded labourers.

The details regarding the funds available (Carry-over from the previous year + funds released) and expenditure incurred in Kalahandi district of Orissa under MWS during 1989-90, 1990-91 & 1991-92 are as under:-

(Rs. in lakhs)

Year	Funds Available			
	Carry-over from the Previous Year	Funds Released	Total	Expenditure
1989-90	237.41	61.15	298.56	276.74
1990-91	21.82	457.40	479.22	170.33
1991-92	308.89	148.50*	457.39	214.10**

According to the reports furnished by the State authorities, 6380 wells had been constructed under the programme till date.

*Allocation.

**Upto date.

ESI Hospital in Kerala

2065. SHRI KODIKUNNIL SURESH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the criteria for starting new ESI hospitals in the country;

(b) the number of ESI hospitals sanctioned during the current year;

(c) whether the Kerala Government has requested the Union Government to start a new ESI hospital in Kerala; and

(d) if so, the details of the action taken thereon?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI PABAN SINGH GHATOWAR): (a) New ESI hospitals are sanctioned by the ESI Corporation

on the basis of proposals received from the State Government. The criteria of 4 beds per 1000 insured persons subject to a minimum of 50 beds is generally adopted.

(b) The Corporation has agreed, in principle, to construct two hospitals during the current year.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

[Translation]

Increase in Tyre Prices

2066. SHRISURENDRA PAL PATHAK:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to entrust the matter relating to the increase in the prices of tyres to the Bureau of Industrial Costs and Prices (BICP);

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the action taken by the Government so far on the report submitted by this Bureau for the year 1988?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (PROF. P.J. KURIEN): (a) to (c). At the request of the Government, BICP had carried out a study on Tyre Industry. Its report was submitted in two phases, Phase-I in May, 1985 and phase-II in June, 1987. The Government on the recommendation of BICP, have placed specified categories of truck and bus tyres under OGL at a reduced rate of duty for import by bulk consumers to keep a check on prices of these tyres.

Diploma to Trained Apprentices

2067. SHRI RAM PRASAD SINGH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the pay scales fixed for trained apprentices in various trades in Government jobs;

(b) whether the Delhi Administration provide four-year training in tool and die-making trade at Wazirpur Industrial Area and after completing the training, a diploma is given whereas those who are getting the said training in firms are given certificate;

(c) whether the said diploma and certificate are given after examination conducted by the Ministry; and

(d) if so, the reasons for this discrimination?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI PABAN SINGH GHATOWAR): (a) The apprentices are paid a stipend while in training. After their training they get absorbed in the various undertakings in the public or private sector as per market demand. The details of the pay scales against which these apprentices get jobs are not available with the Ministry of Labour.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c)(i) The Tool Room & Training Centre, Wazirpur Industrial Area, Delhi has been conducting four-years diploma in Tool & Die Making and the examination is conducted by Board of Technical Education Delhi Administration, Delhi.

(ii) A 4 years Apprenticeship training programme is conducted under the Apprentices Act, 1961 in the trade of Tool & Die Making and the trade tests